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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.129

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Appeal mailed January 20, 2000 via Express Mail and the Advisory Action dated March 17, 2000. This Response is accompanied by a first Request for Removing the Finality of an Office Action Pursuant to 37 C.F. R. § 1.129(a), the earliest effective United States filing date for the instant application being prior to June 8, 1993. Filed c neutrently herewith are a Petition and fee for a five month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response from March 20, 2000 to August 21, 2000 (August 20, 2000 fell on Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of